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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, MASS, GT

SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS AND SPARE PARTS FOR GUATEMALA

REFERENCES: (A) GUATEMALA 1649; (B) GUATEMALA 1604

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT USG UNABLE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE GRANT OF EITHER UH-1H HELICOPTERS OR SPARE PARTS TO GOG. WE RECOMMEND AN FMS PURCHASE, EITHER CREDIT OR CASH. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS EXAMINED ON URGENT BASIS QUESTION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE TO GOG FOR HELICOPTERS AND SPARE PARTS UNDER BOTH AID AND MAP PROGRAMS. FYI: INITIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DOD ASSESSMENT IS THAT SPARE PARTS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY

DOLS 800,000. PRICE LIST YOU ARE USING MUST BE OUT OF DATE. COST OF TWO UH-1H'S IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1.1 MILLION. END FYI.

3. AID BELIEVES THAT TO TRY AND FUND THESE ITEMS FROM THE DISASTER RELIEF ACCOUNT WOULD BE OF QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY AND, EVEN IF FOUND TO BE LEGAL, WOULD JEOPARDIZE WILLINGNESS OF CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUTURE FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM. THIS APPLIES TO SPARE PARTS FOR PRESENT GOG AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS AS WELL AS PROVISION OF NEW EQUIPMENT.

4. TO ATTEMPT TO REALLOCATE MAP GRANT FUNDS, ALREADY IN SHORT SUPPLY BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY, WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND OFFERS LITTLE PROSPECT OF QUICK ACTION.

5. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESPOND MOST QUICKLY TO GOG REQUEST EITHER THROUGH FMS OR COMMERCIAL SALES ROUTE.

6. GUATEMALA HAS DOLS 1.5 MILLION IN FMS CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR FY 76. DOD IS CHECKING TO SEE HOW QUICKLY SPARE PARTS COULD BE LOCATED, MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED UNDER FMS. IF GOG CHOOSES THIS COURSE, DEPARTMENT WOULD DO ITS BEST TO ENSURE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT. SAME APPLIES TO FMS CASH SALE. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS OPTION OFFERS BEST POSSIBILITY OF PROMPT AND FAVORABLE USG RESPONSE TO GUATEMALAN EMERGENCY NEEDS.

7. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL SALE FROM THE SUPPLIER. WE UNDERSTAND BELL MAY HAVE LOCAL REPRESENTATION IN GUATEMALA. DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF EXPORT LICENSE.

8. IF TIME WERE NOT OF ESSENCE, WE COULD WAIT UNTIL PASSAGE OF REGULAR SECURITY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION BILL (PERHAPS A MONTH OR MORE) AND THEN SEEK TO REALLOCATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE GRANT OF HELICOPTERS AND SPARE PARTS.
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9. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, TWO R-1 HELICOPTERS OFFERED TO GUATEMALA UNDER MIMEX ARE READY FOR PROCESSING. ESTIMATE IS THAT OVERHALL AND SHIPPING OF HELICOPTERS IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS WOULD TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AND COST ABOUT DOLS 100,000 EACH.

10. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT GOG AND ADVISE SOONEST WHICH IS

PREFERRED OPTION. KISSINGER

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